



5th Annual
National Archery in the Schools Program
United States Invitational Championship

WHERE

The championship will be conducted indoors at the West Wing of the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky—www.kyfairexpo.org

WHEN

The championship will be conducted on June 9, 2007. On a first come first serve basis, participating schools may register for the 10:30am-12:45pm flight or the 1:00pm-3:15pm flight. *Overflow flights* will be scheduled if needed at 8-10:15am and 3:30-5:45pm.

Shooters must be in their lanes 15 minutes before their selected or assigned flight times. To meet this lane time requirement, schools should arrive at the championship registration desk at least 45 minutes before their flight time.

WHO

This championship is the annual "culminating event" for schools participating in the NASP. The basic foundation of the NASP is the in-school archery unit. Therefore, only schools that teach archery as part of the in-school curriculum are qualified to compete in this championship. This championship is not for schools or clubs that offer archery only as an after-school activity. Qualifying schools and individuals* from any of the 42 NASP states may compete.

***Qualifying teams and individuals** are determined by the results of each State NASP Championship. Each state's 1st place Elementary, Middle, and High School teams are **automatically** invited to participate in this National Championship. Most of these champion teams and individuals will be determined through a face-to-face state NASP championship, but some states will conduct "e-mail" championships to determine state rankings.

Also Qualified to Participate:

- Elementary school teams whose top 12 member scores, including at least 4 of the opposite gender, total at least 2,500 points in their state championship are also invited to this National Championship
- Middle school teams whose top 12 member scores, including at least 4 of the opposite gender, total at least 2,600 points in their state championship are also invited to this National Championship.
- High school teams whose top 12 member scores, including at least 4 of the opposite gender, total at least 2,700 points in their state championship are also invited to this National Championship.
- Each state's 1st-5th placing boy and girl in each of the three divisions is also invited to the National Championship.
- In the event that a state's 1st placing team or teams cannot attend the National Championship, the *next* ranking team may represent their division from that state.

Team Definition:

1. Archery teams will consist of 16-24 archers. At least 5 team members must be of the opposite gender.
2. All 16-24 team members must come from a single school, not from multiple schools (no "all-star" teams).
3. Team scores are derived, by adding the top 12 member scores, including at least 4 of the opposite gender.



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REGISTRATION

Teams or individuals will register in either the Elementary (4-6th grade), Middle (7-8th grade), or High School (9-12th grade) Division. A student in a lower grade may shoot for a team in his or her school district that is in a higher Division but not vice versa. Schools that cannot field a team may have students compete for individual awards.

- Registration will be open April 1 – May 15, 2007.
- Teams register by contacting their NASP State Coordinator. For a list of state coordinators see: www.archeryintheschools.org
- The registration fee is \$20/student payable by check to the NASP in advance (NASP, 2035 Riley Road, Sparta, WI 54656) or on site at the championship.
- The registration include a souvenir t-shirt for each team member and 6 coaches or sponsors.

LOGISTICS

Lodging: Numerous, variously priced “chain” motels and hotels are in the vicinity of the Kentucky Exposition Center because it is adjacent to the Louisville International Airport (code: SDF). No special rates for this event have been pre-arranged. The following link provides contact information for accommodations in the vicinity of the Expo Center and the Airport.

<http://www.gotolouisville.com/Accommodations.aspx?name=Location&value=Airport/South>

Things to do: A list of the “top 16” things to do in and around the Kentucky Exposition Center can be found at <http://www.gotolouisville.com/content.aspx?id=498> Included on the list are:

- Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom (immediately adjacent to Expo Center)
- Louisville Slugger Museum
- Muhammad Ali Center
- Louisville Zoo
- Belle of Louisville (Riverboat on the Ohio River)

Directions: The Kentucky Exposition Center is conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and Interstates I-64 and I-65. Specific driving directions can be found at:

<http://www.kyfairexpo.org/visitorinfo/mapsdirectionsdistances.ihtml>

Parking: 19,000 parking spaces are provided at the Exposition Center for \$5 per vehicle.

Admission: There is no charge for admission for those who want to observe the competition.

FORMAT

Authorized Equipment

1. Judges will inspect equipment for compliance before shooting begins.
2. Only the NASP Genesis compound bow (target colors or camouflage) may be used.



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3. No sights, tape, marks, or other modifications to the bow that may, in the opinion of the judges be used as a sighting aid or draw stop are allowed. Any marks or tape placed on the riser, above the grip of the bow, must be removed or covered or the bow will be disqualified. If such a bow is used during the championship, the archer will be disqualified. If the archer is using a camouflaged color bow, opaque tape must cover the face of the riser window. If a bow must be numbered or otherwise identified by the school or shooter with tape, such markings should be on the bow limbs or below the bow's grip.
4. Only NASP full-length, size 1820 aluminum arrows may be used. These arrows will be provided at the championship. Teams may use their own full-length (uncut) NASP 1820's. Arrows provided by the teams must be individually marked for archer identification to prevent scoring confusion.
5. Only stock 2.8 inch plastic vanes and 65 grain target points are permitted on the arrows.
6. Finger tabs, "no-glove" string attachments, gloves, and armguards may be used.
7. The use of mechanical release aids or stabilizers is not allowed.
8. Sims vibration dampening devices may be attached to the limbs of the bow.

Range Set-Up:

1. Targets will be the standard NASP 80 cm FITA face with 10 scoring rings.
2. Target butts will be placed directly on the floor similar to the height of school butts.
3. The target line will be approximately 6 feet from the target butts.
4. There will be 10 and 15 meter shooting lines.
5. The waiting line will be 10-15 feet beyond the 15 meter shooting line.
6. Spectator seating will be placed as close as possible behind the waiting line.
7. Approximately 110, 5 foot wide shooting lanes will be used with 4 archers assigned per lane per flight.
8. Each shooting lane will have 2 "A" and 2 "B" shooters assigned per shooting time.
9. 2 of the lane's 4 shooters will be from one school and 2 from another school.

Range Operation:

1. NASP whistle commands will be used to operate the range; 5+ whistles for an emergency, 2 whistles to "get bow", 1 whistle to "shoot", and 3 whistles to "go get arrows".
2. When instructed, each archer will shoot 1 practice end (group) of 5 arrows at 10 meters.
3. Each archer will shoot 3 ends of 5 arrows for score (total of 15 shots) at 10 meters.
4. Each archer will shoot 1 practice end of 5 arrows at 15 meters.
5. Each archer will shoot 3 ends of 5 arrows for score (total of 15 shots) at 15 meters.
6. "A" shooters will shoot, score, and retrieve their arrows and then "B" shooters will shoot, score, and retrieve.
7. The time limit per end will be 2 minutes beginning with the 1 whistle "shoot" command.

Scoring for All Divisions:

1. All students will call and score their own arrows.
2. When the 2 "A" or "B" shooters have shot, they will be instructed to "go get arrows". Only these two shooters will approach the target to score and retrieve their arrows.
3. Arrows should not be touched before they are first scored and recorded.
4. Arrows touching or cutting a scoring ring line will be given the higher score.
5. NASP Judges will call disputed arrows.
6. Archers must sign each other's score card before leaving the range at the conclusion of the flight.
7. Judges will escort archers who need to shoot bounce-outs to the appropriate lanes.
8. Judges will deliver signed score cards to the scoring table at the end of each flight.



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9. Due to the sensitivity of the scanner scoring cards, we suggest students practice with sample cards that may be downloaded from www.archeryintheschools.org.

AWARDS

1. The 3 highest scoring teams in each Division will receive 1st-3rd place National Awards.
2. The 5 highest scoring boys and girls in each Division will receive 1st-5th place National Awards.

"Shooting for the Future" -- National Scholarship Shoot-Off Format:

To showcase the day's top shooters a *National Scholarship Shoot-Off* will be conducted at the conclusion of the flight shooting and before the awards presentation.

1. The top 4 scoring boys and girls (combined Divisions) will be invited to participate.
2. The format for this scholarship shoot-off will be as follows:
 - Each student will shoot 1 end of 5 arrows at 15 meters for practice/warm-up.
 - Each student will shoot 1 end of 5 arrows at 15 meters for score.
 - The highest scoring 3 boys and 3 girls will move to the next round.
 - These 6 shooters will shoot 1 end of 5 arrows at 15 meters.
 - The highest scoring 2 boys and 2 girls will move to the final round.
 - These 4 shooters will shoot 1 end of 5 arrows at 15 meters.
 - The highest scoring boy and girl will be declared winners of the scholarship-shoot-off.
 - The "x"-ring will be in play throughout these rounds with the number of "x"s used to break ties.
 - In the event the score and the number of "x"s are identical for any shooters in any round, those shooters will shoot one arrow each. The arrow closest to the center of the "x" will be the victor.
 - Each of the 8 shooters will receive scholarships for use pursuing post-secondary education.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I register the students from my school?

Step 1: Register teams and/or individuals between April 1 and May 15, 2007

Step 2: Contact your state NASP Coordinator if your team placed 1st in its Division or posted a qualifying score in the state championship.

Step 3: Contact your state NASP Coordinator if your individual(s) placed 1-5th in the Division and won't be on a participating team (#2 above).

Step 3: The state NASP Coordinator will need to collect the following about each of your team members; name, gender, attending school, grade, and which Division your team will compete in.



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Step 4: Once registered, send a check or money order equal to \$20 times the number of team members to: NASP, 2035 Riley Road, Sparta, WI 54656.

What constitutes a team?

For the purpose of registration, a Team refers to a group of between 16 and 24 students shooting in the same division. The Team must have at least 5 boys and 5 girls.

What is an attending school?

The attending school is the school in which the student is actually enrolled.

What is a division?

There are three divisions in this archery championship, Elementary 4-6. Middle 7-8, and High School 9-12. Team and individual competitions will occur within these three divisions.

What if my team has one or more members shooting up on a higher division team? For example, a 5th grade student shooting "up" on a middle (7-8th grade) team.

This student will be considered a middle school team member and an elementary individual. This student could win a team award in the middle school division and a individual award in the elementary division.

What is a flight?

A flight is a shooting time. There will be two certain shooting times or flights during this championship and two optional shooting times or flights. Optional flights will be used only if participation levels are high enough to warrant.

- AM Optional Flight: 8:00am-10:15
- Flight 1: 10:30am-12:45pm
- Flight 2: 1:00pm-3:15
- PM Optional flight: 3:30pm-5:45pm

What are "A" and "B" shooters?

Four shooters, 2 each from competing schools, will be assigned to each lane during every flight. Each school will designate one "A" and one "B" shooter in these lanes. The two "A" shooters will shoot first, score and retrieve their arrows. Then the two "B" shooters will shoot, score, and retrieve their arrows. If two students are going to share a bow, they should both be in the same lane and one will be the "A" shooter and the other the "B" shooter.

What if my Flight preference is unavailable?

Flights are available on a first come first serve basis. If you need more positions than are available in a particular flight, you will have to put at least some of those positions in a different flight. You can periodically check availability and make reservation changes as positions may come available. You, however, should not wait for positions to



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become available, instead you should go ahead and reserve positions in a different flight to make sure that you will have the opportunity to participate at the championship. Remember, positions are available first come, first serve.

What do I do if two shooters will be using the same bow?

If two shooters are using the same bow, they should be assigned to the same lane. One will be designated shooter "A" and the other shooter "B".

What if my state's 1st place elementary, middle, or high school team isn't coming to the nationals?

The highest ranked team that can come to the nationals will receive an automatic bid to participate regardless of their score. To find out if this is the case in your state, contact your state NASP Coordinator.

Why must a team contain 16-24 team members if only 12 members' scores will be added to constitute the team score for the competition?

The NASP promotes inclusion of many students of all genders and abilities. By requiring teams to have more members than are scored, it is hoped that schools will include members on the teams that might not otherwise be able to participate. In other words, a team member whose score might not be high enough to include in the team's score, won't reduce the team's final ranking.

What if my state isn't conducting a face-to-face state NASP championship this year?

Several states are conducting "virtual" state tournaments in 2007 so each state can identify teams to send to the nationals. These virtual tournaments will be organized following the national format and conducted at individual schools. The scores will be sent to the state NASP Coordinator who will rank the teams and individuals. If you have not been notified about participating in a state championship, please contact your state NASP coordinator.

When will I receive score cards and lane assignments for my team or individuals?

Scannable score cards (bubble cards) and lane assignments will be provided at the check-in desk on the day of the championship.

Will there be loaner equipment available at the championship?

It is assumed that most teams participating in this championship will have enough bows for each of their team's archers to at least share. However, if your team doesn't have enough bows (a 24-person team would need only 12 bows if sharing) please let your state NASP Coordinator know so a few loaners can be available on site. All arrows for the competition will be provided by NASP. Arrows will be differentiated within lanes by different colored nocks or vanes. I

Can my team bring its own arrows?

Some teams like to bring their own arrows. If so, please let the lane judges know when you line up at the beginning of your shooting time. If your arrows are identical to the NASP arrows, you will be allowed to place your arrows in the floor quivers to replace the ones provided by NASP.